Industries implements the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) for promotion of village industries and generation of productive employment in the rural areas, including town with population up to 20,000. Similarly the Government in the Ministry of Tourism implements the Scheme of Destination Development for creation of infrastructure in rural areas with potential for tourism, with the objective of showcasing rural life, art, culture and heritage at rural locations having core competency in crafts, handlooms, textiles, culture, etc. Further, the Government in the Ministry of Textiles implements a number of schemes, *viz.,* Deen Dayal Upadhaya Hatkargha Protsahan Yojana in the handlooms sector, Babasaheb Ambedkar Hastshilpa Vikas Yojana in the handicrafts sector, etc., throughout the country, in both urban and rural areas, for the development and promotion of these sectors.

(c) Does not arise.

Repayment of loans under PMRY

†3676. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) in view of the prevailing unsatisfactory situation regarding repayment of loans;

(b) whether any information or guidelines have been received from Reserve Bank of India in this regard; and

(c) the number of applicants proposed to be given loans under the said scheme during the year 2006-07?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) The Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is reviewed regularly for better implementation and recovery of loans disbursed to beneficiaries.

(b) For improvement in recovery of loans under PMRY, the RBI has advised banks to conduct joint recovery drives with officials of District Industries Centres (DICs) of the States, file criminal complaints against borrowers who misutilise loans sanctioned under PMRY, etc.

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(c) For 2006-07, Government has a target for providing loans to 255000 educated unemployed youth under PMRY

Setting up of Rural Industries Federation and rural markets

†3677. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up Rural Industries Federation for extending help in the development of the rural industries in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are getting products of high quality produced with the help of small scale rural industries and self help groups of women in the villages and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government are planning to develop rural markets in the other metropolitan cities of the country on the lines of Dilli Haat and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir. In the khadi sector, artisans and workers associated with registered khadi institutions produce high quality silk, muslin, wool and cotton khadi items. Similarly, entrepreneurs and self help groups (SHGs) (the latter mostly women) in rural areas, assisted under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the Government, implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVC), produce a veriety of good quality products such as detergent powder, agarbattis, fancy articles, processed food products, ready made garments, pottery items, wooden toys, footwear, etc. Further, under the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) implemented by the Government in the Ministry of Rural Development, the assisted SHGs, majority of whom are women groups, produce a variety of quality products like traditional jewellery, wooden toys, kalamkari paintings, cane and bamboo furniture, etc.

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